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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Lulu Belle "Lu" Stewart, formerly of Champaign, who passed away on June 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Lu Stewart was born in Chicago on November 27, 1929 to Glenn and Florence (nee Vosburg) Nash; she graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1948 and married Tommy Stewart on June 4, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Lu Stewart was always supportive of her husband's coaching career and they eventually settled in Champaign, where Tommy began a 30-year career as the head football coach of Champaign (later Central) High School; and

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WHEREAS, Lu Stewart was proud of her place in the group that became to be known simply as the "coaches' wives"; this group of "JoAnne", "Pat", "Karen", "Norma", "Carolyn", "Ann", and "Roxie" became a posse of "BFF's" before there was such a thing as social media; she had other long-lasting friendships in Champaign throughout the years with Neda Sparks, Jen Shelby, Jane Green, Betty Davis, Jim and JoAnn Walters, Jerry and Diane Butler, Norma and Ron Mueller, Glen and Sue Kitson, and countless others; and

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1 WHEREAS, Lu Stewart was preceded in death by her husband,
2 Tommy; her father and mother; her brother, Glenn; and a baby
3 son; and

4 WHEREAS, Lu Stewart was the beloved wife of Tommy Stewart;
5 the loving mother of Thomas C. Stewart, Jr. and Susan E.
6 Stewart; the dear grandmother of Jacqueline Eve, Thomas Andrew,
7 and Casey and Thomas Cody; the great-grandmother of Nathan,
8 Madelyn, Ethan, Schuyler, and Andrew; and the loving sister of
9 Glenn Lewis Nash; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Lulu Belle "Lu" Stewart, and extend our sincere condolences to
13 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Lu Stewart as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.